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MEMORANDUM FOR

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT:

Declassification Request

Chairman Zablocki has written to me (Tab A) requesting declassification or sanitization of the memorandum prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency on "U.S. Aircraft and the Middle East Military Balance" and forwarded to the Congress on March 28.

I believe it would be helpful to provide Congressman Zablocki with an unclassified version of this study for consideration by his Committee during the debate on the aircraft sales to the Middle East. I would appreciate your urgent review and hope that the memorandum can be declassified with minimal deletions. Please let me know the outcome of your review by May 8'so that I can respond to the Congressman.

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The Honorable Zbigniew Brzezinski Assistant to the Presidit for National Security Affairs The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Brzezinski:

In connection with the Committee's upcoming hearings on the Administration's proposed Mideast arms package, it would be most useful if a "Secret" study recently provided by the White House could be declassified or at least sanitized.

The study is titled "U.S. Aircraft and the Middle East Military Balance." It is dated March 28, 1978 and has the identification number SR M 78/10061.

As always, your cooperation in this matter would be deeply appreciated.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Clem:

I have referred your request for declassification or sanitization of the memorandum on "U.S. Aircraft and the Middle East Military Balance" to CIA for immediate review, since they prepared the study. I will be in touch with you on this matter as soon as this review is completed.

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Sincerely,

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Zbigniew Brzezinski

The Honorable Clement J. Zablocki House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515